EDINA PARK BOARD 7:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS NOVEMBER 14, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Fredlund, Andrew Herring, Scot Housh, George Klus, Karla

Sitek, Tom White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Finsness, Floyd Grabiel, Chuck Mooty, John Murrin Linda

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STAFF PRESENT: John Keprios, Janet Canton, Diana Hedges, John Valliere, Tom

Shirley, Larry Thayer, Todd Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Nieland, Cathy Cella, Paula Roe

I. YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS:

A. Edina Hockey Association - Todd Nieland - Todd Nieland, President of the Edina Hockey Association, pointed out that the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) has been around for more than 40 years. This year there are approximately 840 boys and girls playing on 52 different teams. The ages that are encompassed in EHA are grades 1 through 12. The Board of Directors consists of 14 people each serving three year terms. He indicated that there are more than 150 volunteer coaches of which many are non-parents. In addition, there are many parents who volunteer as managers, commissioners and help with administrative tasks.

Mr. Nieland explained that try-outs are held every year for kids in grades 4 and higher so that they can be placed according to their ability either on an A, B, B2 or C level team. Mr. Nieland pointed out that Edina is one of the few communities where the youngest players (mites) only participate in an all Edina league. There are no try-outs held for this level as well as no scores and standings are kept. It's intentionally made to be participation friendly for all kids in grades 1 through 3.

Mr. Nieland noted that the registration fees for this year are \$380.00 per player, which has been held constant for the last couple of years and \$225.00 for the mite players. He explained that these are the fees that EHA collects, however, there are additional expenses for ice time and equipment.

Mr. Nieland went through a few issues that EHA has and commented that because of the tradition of their success they attract many volunteers some of which are very good and others not so good. Mr. Nieland stated that a lot of sports are having to compensate their coaches but at this time Edina has not had to. He noted that another issue is that the pressure for "fairness" leads to an increased need for non-parents.

Mr. Nieland indicated that EHA buys a lot of ice time from Braemar and it is the best facility in the Twin Cities area for kids to play hockey. However, they still need to buy a lot of ice time outside of Edina in order to take care of all of their demands because everyone wants to play at the peak times.

Mr. Nieland explained that hockey has increasingly become a year round activity and there are many hockey activities being offered to kids outside of EHA, which basically runs from September through the first part of March. Mr. Nieland indicated that they are asked a lot if they would offer off-season activities, however, it would be a huge administrative problem and hard to find volunteers to make that kind of commitment year round. Mr. Nieland stated that the administration of their program is time consuming for many people and noted that some communities have hired administrative people which is a concept that they are looking into.

Mr. Housh asked if people have inquired about registering over the internet to which Mr. Nieland responded that questions have been raised and they have heard various ideas. He then noted that they did start a web site earlier this year.

Mr. Fredlund asked if participation is up or down to which Mr. Nieland replied it's been fairly constant and that they are up 20 or 30 players from where they were at last year. Mr. Nieland noted that they have done some fairly heavy duty recruiting of the younger kids, especially younger girls, trying to get them involved. He stated that the girls numbers are up to about 140 players and that there are 7 all girls teams. Mr. Nieland commented that girls hockey has been wonderful for the community.

Mr. Herring asked about the Junior Gold level to which Mr. Nieland replied they have the U-16 program and the Junior Gold program which is the next level after Bantams. These are the two programs that are available for all high school age kids and typically the kids who are playing are the ones who do not make the Varsity or Junior Varsity teams. Mr. Herring asked how many boys typically participate to which Mr. Nieland responded last year they had three teams and this year they are anticipating one more team. Mr. Herring asked if there a lot of kids who are just doing it for recreation because they like to play to which Mr. Nieland responded that it's really both, kids who just want to play and others play because they didn't make the Varsity/Junior Varsity team. Mr. Herring asked Mr. Nieland if he considers these strong and successful programs to which he responded it's very strong. However, it's hard to manage because it doesn't get as much attention as the high school programs and some of the other age level programs.

Mr. Herring asked how try-outs went as far as fairness to which Mr. Nieland responded that every year they try to make some changes for the better, however, it's not perfect. He noted that they try their best to have what he thinks is an objective system. He explained that they take the parent equation out of it so that the parents are not involved in picking the teams and selecting their own kids, etc. There are approximately five to six sessions of try-outs. He noted that there are always going to be people who will be disappointed because you take the best 17, then the next best and so on. Therefore, there is always someone who is going to think they were wronged by the system. He noted that they spend a lot of time trying to administrate it in a fair way.

Mr. Herring asked if there this any financial support or equipment made available to the goalies to which Mr. Nieland responded equipment is available for all goalies through 5th grade. At that point the kids playing goalie are pretty much committed to it.

Mr. Nieland pointed out that they also offer financial aid assistance to any player to cover the registration cost which again is not 100% of the cost. He noted that there is not a great number people who take advantage of this.

B. Edina Soccer Club - Paula Roe - Ms. Roe, President of the Edina Soccer Club, read the mission statement for the Edina Soccer Club. She indicated that currently there are 540 participants on 35 teams in which there are slightly more girls than boys. She stated that 97% of the participants are Edina residents or attend Edina schools. She noted that 3% to 4% of the participants receive some sort of financial help. Ms. Roe pointed out that the program has grown dramatically in the last five years and their number of participants has doubled. Ms. Roe commented that their registration will take place on January 20th or people can register on-line through their web site.

Ms. Roe noted that their success last year was the Boys U-11 Classic 1 took 1st place in the state tournament. Also, three other boys teams (U13 Classic 2, U15 Classic 2 and U16 Premier) took 2nd in the district. Girls U12 Classic 3 took 1st in district and 2nd in state. Girls U13 Classic 1 took 2nd in district and U18 Classic 1 took 3rd in district. Also, the Edina High School teams did very well.

Ms. Roe explained that their current annual budget is around \$140,000 which is divided between three major programs, the summer program, the abbreviated fall season and the winter training session. She noted that the players pay between \$300 and \$500 for the summer season with the older/higher level teams paying more because they tend to play in more tournaments. It was asked what the fee pays for to which Ms. Roe replied there is an overall club fee that everybody pays, there is an MYSA fee, a uniform fee, tournament fees and a coaches fee. She indicated that on average they pay their coaches about \$2,000 which is actually a lot of work for a small amount of money. Ms. Roe noted that their current reserves are about \$7,000 and their goal is to build that up to about \$10,000.

Ms. Roe pointed out some of their issues and concerns. One of the big questions they have been discussing over the last six months is whether they should partner more closely with ESA (Edina Soccer Association) particularly on the administrative side. She pointed out that they do have a common web site. However, there is so much more they could do together such as referee management, field management, field planning and administration in general. Currently there is a lot of confusion regarding registration between the two programs. Mr. Roe indicated that the house league is a very large program and the Edina Soccer Club's board is stretched pretty thin.

Ms. Roe noted that another concern that has become a challenge is recruiting and retaining board members, which are volunteer positions and they do an incredible amount of work. Both board members and coaches are critical to the success of their program.

Ms. Roe pointed out that another challenge for them is satisfying the people who want to play the highest level of soccer in the traveling program with the notion that we bring in players from other communities. She noted that a very significant concern for them is the possibility of losing their very best players to club based teams. She explained that sometimes their numbers do not work out because there are not the right amount of players playing at a certain skill level. Therefore, it's a big challenge not to lose and/or disappoint kids.

Ms. Roe indicated that another issue for them is the safety of the playing fields. The quality and quantity of fields in this community is embarrassing and we need to do something about it. Mr. Keprios commented that is one of the challenges that the Blue Ribbon Committee is addressing.

Mr. Housh asked what is the likelihood that the Edina Soccer Association and the Edina Soccer Club will come back together. Ms. Roe replied that they are going to have a strategic focus plan and they are looking at bringing in some outside help to work on it. She noted that the Edina Soccer Club is so consumed with the day to day infrastructure and operation that it's hard to make time for that kind of planning let alone the implementation. Therefore, they are looking for some outside help.

Mr. Fredlund asked how long ESC has had a winter program to which Ms. Roe replied they have the winter skills training for the last five years and noted that it is held at Holy Angels.

Mr. Klus indicated that he doesn't understand the competitiveness of the community program versus the club program. Ms. Roe explained that there are some clubs that are private and not community based and they recruit players from all over the metro area and even outside of that. She noted that there are four levels of competitiveness and if we don't have enough opportunities for kids to play on high level teams it's guaranteed that they will go outside the community. She indicated that they have already lost premier status for the girls team and commented that it's regulated by MYSA based on performance.

Mr. Herring noted that these private clubs are attracting kids from the Edina program, however, ESC and ESA do have priorities over the private clubs regarding field space in Edina. Ms. Roe commented that soccer is an increasingly year round sport and that is why they held fall try-outs in order to "lock-in" players so they would not go to other teams.

Mr. Herring asked why 3% of the players are non-residents. Ms. Roe responded that sometimes they allow outside players to play in order to form a team. Mr. Herring asked aren't there enough Edina players who would be delighted to fill in spots to which Ms. Roe replied not necessarily. There are lot of kids who play on the house league and would be very successful in traveling but do not want the commitment of a traveling team. Ms. Roe noted that with the more competitive teams they actually reserve the right to have outside players because they need to balance teams in order to maintain a classic 1 status of certain teams. She pointed out that there currently is a policy in place that allows a maximum of 2 non-resident players at the U14 level and 3 non-resident players at U-16 level. Mr. Herring asked if all of this falls under the rules of Park and Recreation. Mr. Keprios replied that the Park Board addressed that very issue over a decade ago and accepted the fact that there are going to be some sports that can choose to use nonresidents. However, the independently incorporated athletic groups are encouraged to give Edina residents first priority. However, it's not a mandate and we cannot tell the athletic associations how to run their programs. Ms. Roe informed the Park Board that they have not been very successful at getting any outside players because players who are interested in a most competitive program will go outside of Edina.

C. <u>Edina Girls Athletic Association - Cathy Cella</u> - Cathy Cella, President of EGAA, indicated that they have been around since 1974. She noted that their mission is to educate children in skills, rules and strategy of recreational sports which will carry through into adulthood. Build character by encouraging good sportsmanship, teamwork and self-confidence to offer team experiences for girls regardless of ability to promote healthy physical activity and have fun. Ms. Cella stated that they stress a wide participation at all levels of ability in having a good time and learning skills that will carry them through the rest of their lives. She pointed that there are 25 to 30 volunteer board members and noted that Donna Tilsner from Park and Recreation is their liaison and she does a wonderful job. Ms. Cella indicated that currently they offer four different sports for girls in grades 2 through 10.

Flag Football has two different leagues, grades 4th through 6th play together and grades 7th through 9th play together. They play a six week season on Tuesday nights in the fall at Van Valkenburg Park.

Basketball has six different leagues, grades 2 through 5 each play alone and grades 6 and 7 are together and grades 8 and 9 are together. They play a ten week season in the fall and use eight different gyms.

Volleyball has three different leagues, grades 5 and 6 play together, grade 7 plays alone and grades 8, 9 and 10 play together. They play a eight week season that starts the beginning of March and goes through the beginning of May. They play on Monday and Thursday nights and use six different gyms.

Team tennis is for girls in grades 5 through 9 and they play a six week season starting in June where they play at the high school tennis courts.

Ms. Cella indicated that she has already made her pitch to the Blue Ribbon Committee but she will say again that gym space is a big issue for them, they use every available gym they can. The basketball season starts the first week of school, which doesn't work very well for registration and getting things organized, and as soon as they are done boys basketball and traveling basketball start right away. Once those seasons are done girls volleyball starts. None of the programs can expand their time or the use of the gyms except at the detriment of another program because there are just not enough gyms. Ms. Cella stated that there are girls on waiting lists because they don't have enough gyms to supply all of the needs that they have.

Ms. Cella noted that most of their coaches are parents and all of them are volunteers. In 1999-2000 there were approximately 1,400 participants in the four sports with some of those girls playing more than one sport. Ms. Cella explained that currently they are looking at adding LaCrosse as a 5th sport. There has been a lot of interest expressed in the community for lacrosse, however, field space and green space is a big issue.

Ms. Cella pointed out that three mailings are sent out every year for the three seasons they have. She noted that the most expensive sport is basketball which is \$60.00 except for the second graders it's only \$30.00.

Ms. Cella indicated that every year they reserve some of their money from registration fees and award scholarships to athletes who have participated in EGAA. Last year they present five scholarships and between the five girls they had 65 seasons of playing EGAA sports.

Ms. Cella stated that there are a few issues that the EGAA board is looking at. First, the referendum is a big issue for them because they need more space in order to be able to continue on with their programs at the level they are currently offering them. Secondly, they are looking at play-offs and trying to decide whether it's a fun competitive way to end a season or whether it encourages an outbreak of aggressive behavior that undercuts what they try to do the rest of the season in promoting teamwork. Ms. Cella commented that there are some coaches who take playoffs very seriously. Lastly, they are looking at whether or not they will be able to get lacrosse up and going this year.

Mr. White asked how many girls and what sports have had waiting lists. Ms. Cella replied primarily basketball and volleyball have waiting lists. She noted that with volleyball there are only three gyms that have volleyball standards and they also end up

using the high school field house. Ms. Cella noted that last year there were a number of 5th and 6th graders who did not get placed on teams as well as a few 7th graders.

Mr. Herring asked if a girl wants to continue to play basketball other than through EGAA do they have to play with the EBA. Ms. Cella replied that they can try out for a girls traveling basketball team which starts in November. Because of gym space girls house basketball is limited to only the fall.

Mr. Herring asked if there has been a lot of interest in lacrosse to which Ms. Cella replied there has been s phenomenal amount of interest in lacrosse, the only problem will be finding enough coaches who are confident enough to coach as well as finding the space to play. Mr. Fredlund asked when lacrosse would be played to which Ms. Cella replied they would do it in the spring and summer.

II. APPROVAL OF THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000 PARK BOARD MINUTES

George Klus MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10, 2000 PARK BOARD MINUTES. Karla Sitek SECONDED THE MOTION. MINUTES APPROVED.

III. YEAR 2001 FEES AND CHARGES

Mr. Keprios indicated that the charge he gave his staff this year was to try to keep their fees and charges reasonable and within the philosophy of the program. He also asked them to be as solvent as they can while keeping their programs affordable. Mr. Keprios stated that he feels they have all met that challenge. As far as the general park and recreation fees go the fee for the new shelter buildings has been raised, however, we are still not covering our expenses. Other than that there are a few minimal increases.

Diana Hedges, Director of the Edina Art Center, indicated that they are raising their membership fees which will be the first increase in 23 years. However, they are still in range with the nine other art centers around town. Ms. Hedges stated that they are raising class fees 5% which puts them a little higher than Bloomington and a little lower than Minnetonka. She commented that they want to keep them affordable for the family so they are offering parent/child workshops at a reduced rate which seems to be helpful to parents. Ms. Hedges explained that these two increases should bring in an additional \$18,000 to \$20,000 for 2001. Mr. Keprios pointed out that these were brought before the Art Center Board and they are recommending the Park Board adopt them as proposed.

Mr. Housh asked if the recommendation is made before anyone really knows what the projected budgets are for the next year to which Mr. Keprios replied yes, that's always the way it has been. Mr. Keprios pointed out that the City Council doesn't approve or disapprove enterprise facility budgets. However, City Council does approve fees and charges but it's always after the following years budget has essentially been adopted and is going to go through the truth and taxation process.

Mr. White asked if this is the first year the studio is providing a service for VHS Video Copies and Foreign Conversion. Ms. Hedges explained that they have been providing this service at no charge but have now decided that since it does take up their time they really should be charging for it. Mr. White then asked why the laminator/Heat Press and 16 mm movie projector fees went down. Ms. Hedges explained there is very little use for those items and we were not in the range of what other places were charging for the same service.

Larry Thayer, Manager of Braemar Ice Arena, indicated that essentially they keep raising their fees \$5.00 every year to try and stay just below the top ice arenas and noted that this year they are at \$135.00 an hour. He stated that this typically generates an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 in revenue each year. He pointed out that everything else has pretty much stayed the same and that those fees typically increase every couple of years.

Mr. Herring commented that after going to some of the other ice arenas around the metropolitan area we are very lucky to have such a wonderful arena.

Tom Shirley, Manager of Centennial Lakes and Edinborough Park, indicated that at Centennial Lakes they are going to try to capture some more dollars with their building rentals. They are raising the fee \$75.00 (\$675.00) for Fridays and Saturdays and \$50.00 (\$150.00) for half day Salon rentals. Mr. Herring asked what percentage of Fridays and Saturdays are booked at this point. Mr. Shirley replied currently they have 28 Fridays and Saturdays booked for next year at the \$675.00 rate. Mr. Shirley pointed out that in 2000 there were 163 rentals of which 46 were on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mr. Shirley stated that they underestimated the cost on the amphitheater and therefore have raised that fee to \$200.00. Last year it was rented exclusively for weddings which turned out to require a lot more time than expected because of coordinating with the wedding parties. Mr. Shirley added that they have already booked 6 or 7 weddings for next year and no one has seemed concerned with the increase.

Mr. Keprios pointed that Mr. Shirley, Ms. Kattreh and himself met with the Edina Swim Club to give them fair warning that their pool rental is going to increase. Staff is proposing that it go up from \$14.00 to \$25.00 per hour which is still extremely reasonable.

Mr. Herring asked how the champion putting course is doing to which Mr. Shirley replied they just went over 27,000 rounds for the year and last year they were just under 22,000 rounds. Mr. Herring commented that for the record he didn't think it was going to work but it has worked out great.

John Valliere, Manager of Braemar and Fred Richards Golf Courses, indicated that he is also on the same wave length as Mr. Thayer in that they want to hold the line on increases. However, with an operation as big as the golf course, they need to be sensitive to the fact that they are going to have increased costs through just normal inflation, wage

increases, etc. Therefore, based on the overall budget is looking at about a 2% to 3% increase as well as raising the greens fee for patrons \$1.00. He explained that with a budget this large he is anticipating that we are going to incur anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000 worth of increased costs annually.

Mr. Valliere pointed out that 2000 was a very successful year, they actually opened the golf course in March, which is very early, and the driving range opened in late February. He then explained that there were two very important factors that helped with the driving range numbers. First, "Rich Acres" closed their driving range, which was a very big competitor and secondly Hiawatha was shut down for remodeling. The impact of these factors was approximately \$70,000 worth of revenue.

Mr. Housh asked Mr. Valliere if this year they had the greatest number of 18 hole patron rounds to which Mr. Valliere replied yes. He indicated that they are typically have about 80,000 rounds. He explained that the patron that uses the golf courses make up about 50% to 55% of the rounds, residents who are non patrons make up approximately 15% to 17% and the rest are non-resident/non-patron. Mr. White asked how they keep track of patron vs. non-patron to which Mr. Valliere responded that they do a sampling. Mr. Valliere indicated that there are a lot more golf courses in the metropolitan area for people to go to and therefore, we are no longer going to have the corner on the market like we used to and so we need to be competitive.

Mr. Housh asked Mr. Valliere if there is anything that concerns him about certain categories. Mr. Valliere responded that when he looks at the fees and charges at other golf courses we do not offer a teen rate. However, there is a multi-round pass that they can purchase. Therefore, he would like to address that and give an affordable price to them. He indicated that he would be happy to look into that and make a recommendation. Mr. Herring stated that he disagrees with that. Currently a junior card is \$110.00 for ten rounds, which comes out to \$11.00 a round, however, it cannot be used on the weekends. If you want to play with your kid on a weekend you have to pay the full price which is fine because at the private courses kids cannot even play on the weekends. He noted that he feels it is very fair the way it is. Mr. Herring commented that maybe we need to promote more junior play at the golf course.

Mr. Klus asked what is happening with the Fred Richards Golf Course. Mr. Valliere indicated that they are up 1,500 rounds from last year with 29,698 rounds. Mr. Valliere explained, however, that there is a really bad goose problem at this course and they end up opening late and closing early, it's an incredible thing to try to clean.

Mr. Valliere pointed out that they are merging the prices now, since it has been five years, so that the Fred Richards Course and Executive Course are now uniform. He indicated that the reason the Fred Richards course was a little higher was because with a newer golf course there is newer debt that needs to be paid down.

Mr. Housh asked how many rounds the executive course had to which Mr. Valliere replied they are up 1,000 rounds and are right around 32,000 rounds.

Tom White MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEES AND CHARGES. Dave Fredlund SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Valliere informed the Park Board that the Minnesota Golf Association started a new award this year called "The Member Club of the Year" to which Braemar was named number one in the 18 hole category. Also, the women's national magazine "Golf For Women" selected Braemar in their top 100 best women friendly golf facilities out of 18,000 courses. Mr. Valliere indicated that Larry Nelson, their assistant golf professional and PGA member, was recognized by the PGA as having done the most for junior golf with his last ten years of contributions. He noted that Braemar had a very good year.

IV. <u>BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE UPDATE</u>

Mr. Keprios explained that the Blue Ribbon Committee is making progress, although they still have not determined whether there are going to be four, five or six gymnasiums. He commented that they have heard from all of the athletic associations with the exception of hockey which they will hear from next Monday. Mr. Klus asked when the Blue Ribbon Committee is supposed to be done with their job to which Mr. Keprios replied they are supposed to have their report to the City Council before the first of the year.

Mr. Keprios indicated that the committee has heard from several groups that there are not enough fields or gymnasiums. Mr. Keprios explained that part of the problem is there are a lot of field sports coming on line with lacrosse, rugby and soccer playing year round. Mr. Keprios commented that the turf professional informed him that if they are going to invest money into building quality fields they can't beat them to death, seasons need to be limited. We are going to have to either reduce the number of games played or totally eliminate a program such as the fall soccer season.

Mr. Keprios commented that access to public facilities is going to be a big issue as we go down the road. Mr. Klus asked if this will include school facilities as well to which Mr. Keprios replied absolutely. Mr. Keprios explained that on Friday they are going to check out every field in the city with the turf professional. He will then put together a detailed analysis report with dollar figures attached where the money would be best spent.

Mr. Keprios pointed out that the total referendum right now is at about 35 million and still growing with 8.8 million of that going to park property. He indicated that the Blue Ribbon Committee still has a couple more presentations to go through. Mr. Keprios stated that the School District is also requesting an additional new performing arts center at the high school which would be in addition to the renovation of the auditorium at the Community Center.

Mr. Housh asked what the reaction has been to the idea of having two full size gyms at Concord and two at Valley View versus the original scenario. Mr. Keprios replied that he has been sent off on a charge to hire an architect to study the costs to operate and build all of the scenarios mentioned.

Mr. Housh asked what kind of response has there been for putting in artificial turf. Mr. Keprios replied that putting in artificial turf is the only way that the Park and Recreation programs would have access to Kuhlman Field. He noted that even the turf specialists have informed him that artificial turf is the route we need to go because of the kind of pressure that we put on our fields. Mr. Keprios pointed out that the down side to artificial turf is they only have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years and then it's a \$600,000 to \$700,000 to replace it. He indicated that the cost savings of a natural field are far cheaper than an artificial field. He added that there is also maintenance involved with both types of turf.

V. OTHER

A. <u>Park Board Members</u> - Mr. Klus asked if we have lost some Park Board members because it seems like we've gone to just a small core of members coming each month. Mr. Keprios replied that unfortunately we are going to lose Scot Housh as a Park Board member. He then congratulated Scot Housh on his election win to City Council. Mr. Keprios noted that no one has been asked to leave the Park Board because of poor attendance. Mr. White added that the attendance could definitely be better.

Mr. Housh asked what the status is with adding a youth member to which Mr. Keprios replied he has passed the Park Board's recommendation on to the City Council and they have not yet acted on it.

- B. Skate Park Mr. Klus asked what is happening with the skate park. Mr. Keprios indicated that they are having a design meeting next week at the YMCA with the park directors as well as the kids. They are literally going to lay out the design with the kids input. Mr. Klus asked if anything is happening with the grant proposal. Mr. Keprios replied that they have requested ¼ million dollars from the state and they should have an answer to that by the second week in December. Mr. Keprios stated that it has been decided that they definitely want to go with the indoor component first and that as plans begin to get develop he will keep the Park Board up to date.
- C. <u>Training Facility</u> Mr. White asked what the status is with the old gun range site. Mr. Keprios replied they are still looking at having a police/fire training facility. However, it just went before the state legislature again and did not pass and there is no funding available. Therefore, at this point it is on hold and they will probably wait and go before one more legislative session. If that fails they will probably have to figure out something else. He noted that the site is also being considered for three gymnasiums.

VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

George Klus MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M. Scot Housh SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING ADJOURNED